

Wellington Tramping and Mountaineering Club

Annual General Meeting 2016



Wednesday April 13th 2016. Doors open 7pm, AGM starts 7.30pm.
TTC Hall, Moncrieff Street, Mt Victoria.

Chair: Amanda Wells

Minutes: Rebecca Day

1. **Apologies:** Jane Latchem, Richard Lardner, Barry Noyce, Maarten Ruiten, Mike Gilbert, Jenny Beaumont.
With 40-50 WTMC club members in attendance, quorum was met.
2. **Minutes from 2015 AGM:**
Katy Glenie proposed we approve the minutes of the 2015 AGM. The motion was seconded by Mike Phethean. The minutes were approved.
3. **Presentation of annual report and financial statement.**
Amanda Wells gave a summary of the annual report.
Steve Austin gave a summary of the annual financial report
Both documents are available at: www.wtmc.org.nz/annual-report
The outgoing committee members were thanked for their hard work: (in alphabetical order) Steve Austin, Rebecca Day, Jo Fink, Richard Lardner, Megan Sety, Emily Shrosbree, Marie Smith. The numerous volunteers who also invest many hours into making sure the club runs smoothly were also acknowledged.
Regarding the financial report, Dennis Gazley asked:
 - i. Why total operating expenditure was \$5,112 more than subscription & other total income this year? Steve Austin explained that, this year the club had heavily subsidised a number of trip leaders to attend a first aid course, which was a decision made in order to invest in trip leaders, but also to encourage health and safety on club trips. In addition, there had been an unexpected legal issue during the year that had required the services of a lawyer. The \$5,112 deficit this year compares to a \$2,431 surplus last year. Amanda Wells said that the intention is to break even over time, with the key test for expenditure whether it furthers the aims of the club.
 - ii. What the club plans were for expenditure on the Ruapehu lodge?
Steve Austin and Amanda Wells explained that this is a difficult issue and will undoubtedly be a priority for the incoming committee. The committee and lodge subcommittee need to consider what renovations are necessary and how they could be funded, as well as how the lodge can be made more financially viable.
 - iii. How many years were left of van depreciation? Steve Austin explained that there was one year left before the vans were fully depreciated. So for FY17 and future years robust transport surpluses should be expected assuming existing vans are in use without excessive repairs and maintenance being required.
 - iv. What the effect of the change in club membership requirements had had on lodge revenue? Steve Austin explained that it is reasonable to assume that

the increase in club membership numbers had led to a shift in the balance of members versus non-members visiting the lodge and a consequent drop in lodge income due to this. The challenge now is to promote the lodge so that non-member usage grows.

4. **Election of officers.** The nominations were as follows:

Committee Position	Nominee
President	Tony Gazley
Vice President	Katy Glenie
Secretary	Kirsty Van Reenen
Treasurer	Graeme Hearfield
Chief Guide	Illona Keenan
Assistant Chief Guide	Kevin Cole
Transport (logistics)	Bernie Dixon
Membership	Jane Latchem
Promotions	Andre Zubkov
Communications	Caryl Ramos
Social Convener	No Nominee
Ruapehu Lodge Convener	No Nominee
General Committee	Richard House (webmaster)
	Amelia White (families group + emergency contact coordination)

Amanda Wells proposed we vote on the election of the officers all in one go. This was seconded by Illona Keenan.

Amanda Wells proposed we elect the above officers. Henry Fisher seconded the proposal.

The officers were elected by acclamation.

5. **General business**

- i. Barry Cuthbert asked whether, given we have had such an increase in membership this year; the committee knows what sort of trips the new members are going on? Illona Keenan explained that the trip statistics don't give us that level of detail, though anecdotally E and M trips are popular at the moment.
- ii. Debbie Buck thanked the committee and club volunteers for all the effort they had expended running the club, especially those outgoing committee members who had served for a number of years.
- iii. Dennis Gazley asked about the social night door fee and why the committee got rid of it? Amanda Wells explained that the decision was made in order to make the club more welcoming. The income from door money was falling due to people carrying cash less. In order to address the loss of this income there will be tighter controls on social night

expenditure (= less biscuits!), and the committee will consider an increase in subs at the next cycle.

Megan Sety thanked Amanda Wells and Sharron Came for guiding the club through a period of change over the past few years.

The meeting was closed at 7.50pm.